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DID THE CONSTITUTION PROVIDE THE RIGHT FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AMERICA?

Before the Constitution was ratified heated debates took place between the Federalists and Anti-Federalists over the proposed Constitution. To the latter, with memories of British oppression fresh in mind, the thought of creating a central government was not very appealing. ***"The first thing I have at heart is American liberty; the second thing is American Union,"*** said anti-federalist Patrick Henry.

The Anti-Federalists went on the offensive, analyzing everything the Federalists were proposing--the Federalists on the defensive, forced to explain, in great detail, the benefit of a federal government and how it would operate. Without this conflict more authority would have been granted to the federal government and we would have had a Constitution much different than what we have today. The Anti-Federalists gave us our Bill of Rights--something the Federalists opposed ***"...because they feared that scrupulous attention to individual liberties would impair the efficiency of the powerful government they wanted. Partisans of a bill of rights worked from a theory of limited government that, despite their professions, the Federalists did not share."*** (*A Son of Thunder*, a biography of Patrick Henry, by Henry Mayer, p. 429). When the Federalists opposed a Bill of Rights, Henry asked sarcastically, ***"Why not? Is it because it will consume too much paper?"***

These debates resulted in our current form of government and two great books, the *Federalist Papers* and the *Anti-Federalist Papers*. They're both available at your local Barnes & Noble and if you haven't read them you're missing one of the greatest political debates ever recorded. The following is just a short summary of one such debate:

Anti-Federalist Robert Yates was opposed to a Representative Republic--not because he thought it was a bad form of government--but because it was not suitable for a large nation.

"The territory of the United States is of vast extent; it now contains near three millions of souls, and is capable of containing more than ten times that number. Is it practicable for a country, so large and so numerous as they will soon become, to elect a representation, that will speak their sentiments, without their becoming so numerous as to be incapable of transacting public business? It certainly is not.

"In a republic, the manners, sentiments, and interests of the people should be similar. If this be not the case, there will be a constant clashing of opinions; and the representatives of one part will be continually striving against those of another."

No one who has listened to Liberals, Conservatives, Republicans and Democrats screaming at each other *ad nauseum* over legislative issues can doubt the accuracy of Yates' prediction.

"This will retard the operation of government, and prevent such conclusions as will promote the public good.

"History furnishes no example of a free republic, any thing like the extent of the United States. The Grecian republics were of small extent; so also was that of the Romans. Both of these, it is true, in process of time, extended their conquests over large territories of country; and the consequence was, that their governments were changed from that of free governments to those of the most tyrannical that ever existed in the world," said Yates.

Tyrannical is an understatement: both the Grecian and Roman empires are cited in the books of Daniel and Revelation as "Beast" governments. Our republic has, or had, something that the Grecian and Roman empires lacked, a strong Christian influence, which said influence may have prevented America from becoming another "Beast" empire. But with Christianity under constant attack from many quarters, that influence is rapidly disappearing.

Yates continued: ***"In so extensive a republic, the great officers of government would soon become above the control of the people, and abuse their power to the purpose of aggrandizing themselves, and oppressing them. The trust committed to the executive offices, in a country of the extent of the United States, must be various and of magnitude."***

Yates, quoting Montesquieu, wrote: ***"It is natural to a republic to have only a small territory, otherwise it cannot long subsist. In a large republic there are men of larger fortunes, and consequently of less moderation; there are trusts too great to be placed in any single subject; he has interest of his own; he soon begins to think that he may be happy, great and glorious, by oppressing his fellow citizens; and that he may raise himself to grandeur on the ruins of the country. In a large republic, the public good is sacrificed to a thousand views; it is subordinate to exceptions, and depends on accidents. In a small one, the interest of the public is easier perceived, better understood, and more within the reach of every citizen; abuses are of less extent, and of course are less protected."*** (Baron de Montesquieu, *Spirit of Laws*, chap. xvi, vol., 1)

The central theme of Yates' letter is that a Republican form of government is better suited for a small country, otherwise it will cause ***"a constant clashing of opinions"*** and ***"representatives of one part continually striving against those of another."***

Yates' letter appeared in print on October 18, 1787. Just 34 days later Federalist James Madison responded with a rebuttal (*Federalist* #10). Madison agrees with Yates about the history of republicanism: ***"However anxiously we may wish that these complaints had no foundation, the evidence of known facts will not permit us to deny that they are in some degree true."***

Madison points out, however, that faction and strife are a part of free government because men are allowed to express their opinions. There is no faction or strife under a totalitarian regime--not without severe consequences--which explains why Hitler was never booed at a political rally.

"The latent causes of faction are thus sown in the nature of man; and we see them everywhere brought into different degrees of

activity, according to the different circumstances of civil society," said Madison.

"There are two methods of curing the mischiefs of faction: the one, by removing its causes; the other, by controlling it effects.

"There are again two methods of removing the causes of faction: by destroying the liberty which is essential to its existence; the other, by giving to every citizen the same opinions, the same passions, and the same interests.

"It could never be more truly said than of the first remedy that it is was worse than the disease. Liberty is to faction what air is to fire, an element without which it instantly expires. But it could not be a less folly to abolish liberty, which is essential to political life, because it nourishes faction that it would be to wish the annihilation of air, which is essential to animal life, because it imparts to fire its destructive agency."

Madison points out that a central government, in the long run, will be better for the nation, and actually do more to prevent factions. ***"Among the numerous advantages promised by a well-constructed Union, none deserves to be more accurately developed than its tendency to break and control the violence of faction."*** If there's one thing the federal government has learned to do well it's how to *"break and control the violence of faction,"* as the Civil War, and more recently, Waco demonstrated.

Madison counters Yates' argument directly when he says: ***"By enlarging too much the number of electors, you render the representatives too little acquainted with all their local circumstances and lesser interests; as by reducing it too much, you render him unduly attached to these, and too little fit to comprehend and pursue great and national objects. The Federal Constitution forms a happy combination in this respect; the great and aggregate interests being referred to the national, the local and particular to state legislatures."***

What the Anti-Federalists envisioned was a Federation: states remaining sovereign and "every man under his vine and under his fig tree" would have been totally inadequate for the 20th century and never would have lasted. World events would have forced us to adopt a central government. And there was no guarantee that there would be no factions between neighboring sovereign states.

In all fairness, however, it should be noted that there was a certain amount of *naiveté* on the part of the Federalists as well. They seemed oblivious to the level of degradation to which men would sink once in power, nor the level of usurpations coming out of Washington today.

What would Madison and other Federalists think if they saw the creation of federal bureaucracies such as the departments of Justice, Defense, Education, Energy, Transportation? The FBI, CIA, BLM, DEA, OSHA, EPA, RICO, FEMA, Medicare, Social Security, Executive Orders by the president, passage of the 16th Amendment, Federal Reserve and IRS? And a proposed health care plan than could land some doctors in prison for violating it? Not to mention outside influences such as the UN, global environmentalism and a NWO mentality in the Capitol. And the list goes on.

It was Madison who said, ***"You must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place, oblige it to control itself."*** How? Patrick Henry asked: ***"Show me that age and country where the rights and liberties of the people were placed on the sole chance of their rulers being good men, without a consequent loss of liberty? I say that the loss of that dearest privilege has ever followed with absolute certainty, every such mad attempt."*** You only need to look at what Washington, DC, is doing to our liberties today to understand that Henry was correct and why he and other Anti-Federalists pushed for a Bill of Rights.

It was Madison who said: ***"Do not separate text from historical background. If you do, you will have perverted and subverted the Constitution, which can only end in a distorted, bastardized form of illegitimate government."*** But how do you legislate a principle based on integrity--which cannot be legislated? Therein lies the Achilles heel of our Constitution: It was designed to be in the control of men with integrity. Even Madison in his rebuttal to Yates admitted that ***"Enlightened statesmen will not always be at the helm."*** But how do you word a Constitution that will remain inviolate even when in the hands of men without integrity? If the Bible can not promote integrity because of free will, how much less the Constitution?

There's nothing wrong with the Constitution; however Washington has bastardized it. Which said bastardization renders the current government, according to Madison, "illegitimate", and one definition of the word illegitimate is: illegal. If you strive for original intent, as chief architect of the Constitution Madison suggests, your efforts will be quickly labeled "anti-government."

In the final analysis, was the Constitution the Framers gave us the best? In a word: Yes. However, if the Framers had the insight of the Anti-Federalists, perhaps they would have imposed more stringent limitations on the federal government. But even that would be no guarantee that things would be different in Washington today.

Who won? Tough choice. If you consider our current situation, we have neither form of government that Yates and Madison championed.

Who was right? Both sides. The Federalists gave us a form of government that far exceeded anything the world had ever seen, and the Anti-Federalists were correct in pointing out its weaknesses and, with uncanny accuracy, the consequences of those weaknesses.

Who lost? We did. We gambled that our unalienable rights would be secured ***"on the sole chance of*** [our] ***rulers being good men..."*** They're not, and now we're faced with a ***"mad attempt"*** in trying to get our liberties back. If Patrick Henry could speak today he'd probably say, *"I told you so."* If Madison could speak he'd probably say, *"What the hell happened!?"* We can speak, but too few are listening.

The solution? Washington will not self-correct, and unless more Americans get involved, there will be no solution, only consequences.

BIG BROTHER
v.
LITTLE BROTHER

Do you have a picture in your mind of the government snooping into your private life with a multi-million dollar, warehouse-size computer?

What may surprise you is that with a few hundred dollars and your own personal computer you can have access to the same information via the Internet.

An interesting article by Charles Pappas appeared in the December 1997 issue of *Yahoo!*, titled 'To Surf and Protect'.

Pappas said that when he tried to "snoop" on a person by using dozens of the free services on the Web, he received little useful information.

When he tried some of the pay services on the Net, things were different. He said *"It took me about two days and $50 to find out more about him than his spouse probably knows."* Such as voting records, Social Security number, law suits, credit information, names and

"Liberty has never come from government...The history of liberty is the history of limitations of government, not the increase of it."--Woodrow Wilson

addresses of neighbors, assets, bankruptcy, judgments, liens, etc.

Pappas said if he wanted to spend more money he could have obtained driving records, criminal records, worker's compensation claims and even safe-deposit holdings.

For those interested, here are the addresses mentioned in the article:

KnowX: (www.knowx.com)

National Credit Information Network (www.wdia.com/10/welcome.htm)

American Information Network (www.ameri.com)

National Association of Investigative Specialists (www.pimall.com/nais/home.html).

CDB Infotek (www.cdb.com)

Dig Dirt Inc. (www.pimall.com/)

If you want to know who's snooping on you, or "watch the watchers" as Pappas says, you can contact Privacy Inc. (www.privacyinc.com). Militia groups take note: For $29.95 a year you'll be able to *"sift through 300 state, local, and law enforcement URL's to see where their names might be listed."*.

Privacy Inc. will soon offer a service called Cyber-Bobyguard. It will constantly scan for any mention of your name and, if it appears, notify you by e-mail and tell you where.

CreditComm (www.creditcomm.com) will be offering File Monitoring Activation. It will notify you whenever someone requests your credit information. Cost: $69.95 per year.

THE PATRIOT QUIZ

When accused Unibomber Ted Kaczynski was caught he had in his possession a copy of Al Gore's book *Earth In The Balance*, filled with handwritten notes. It seems that Kaczynski and Gore share common beliefs about the environment.

Listed below are 10 quotes: Five by an allegedly sick, psychotic, depraved, demented, demonic, psychopathic killer. And five by our sane, knowledgeable, clear headed, sagacious, intelligent and beloved Vice President, "Owl" Gore, from *Earth In The Balance*. Read all ten quotes and see if you can guess which five belong to Kaczynski and which five belong to Gore. (Note: One quote was edited because it contained the word "campaign" which would be a dead give-a-way for Gore).

Quote #1 "Technological progress marches in only one direction. It can never be reversed. Once a technological innovation has been introduced, people usually become dependent on it, so that they can never again do without it, unless it is replaced by some still more advanced innovation."

Quote #2 "Like the Sorcerer's Apprentice, who learned how to command inanimate objects to serve his whims, we too have set in motion forces more powerful than we anticipated and that are harder to stop than start."

Quote #3 "No one knows what will happen as a result of ozone depletion, the greenhouse effect and other environmental problems that cannot yet be foreseen. And, as nuclear proliferation has shown, new technology cannot be kept out of the hands of dictators and irresponsible Third World leaders."

Quote #4 "I focused on global warming, ozone depletion and the ailing global environment and declared these issues, along with nuclear arms control."

Quote #5 "Artificial needs are created. Advertising and marketing techniques have been developed that make many people feel they need things that their grandparents never desired or even dreamed of. It seems for many people, maybe the majority, these artificial forms are insufficient. A theme that appears repeatedly in the writings of the social critics of the second half of the 20th century is the sense of purposelessness that afflicts many people in modern society."

Quote #6 "Whenever any technology is used to medicate our experience of the world, we gain power but we also lose something in the process. The increased productivity of factory assembly lines, for example, requires many employees to repeat the identical task over and over until they lose any feeling of connection to the creative process--and with it their sense of purpose."

Quote #7 "'Oh,'" say the technophiles, 'Science is going to fix all that!' We will conquer famine, eliminate psychological suffering, make everybody healthy and happy!"

Quote #8 "Some argue that a new ultimate technology, whether nuclear energy or genetic engineering, will solve the problem. We have also fallen victim to a kind of technological hubris, which tempts us to believe that our new powers may be unlimited. We dare to imagine that we will find technological solutions for every technologically induced problem. Technological hubris tempts us to lose sight of our place in the natural order and believe that we can achieve whatever we want."

Quote #9 "Very widespread in modern society is the search for 'fulfillment'. Yet for the majority of people whose main goal is fulfillment, (technology) does not bring completely satisfactory fulfillment."

Quote #10 "Industrial civilization's great engines of distraction still seduce us with a promise of people whose main goal is fulfillment. Our new power to work our will upon the world can bring with it a sudden rush of exhilaration. But that exhilaration is fleeting. It is not true fulfillment."

Answer: All even number quotes belong to Al Gore.

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"THE AMERICAN CREED"

The American Creed was written by William Tyler Page, Clerk of the House of Representatives in 1917 and officially accepted by the House on behalf of the American people on April 3, 1918.

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon the principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to live, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

Note: The American Creed was written during a period of mass hysteria immediately before the U.S. declared war on Germany April 6, 1917. It embodies ideas such as "democracy within a republic", "principles of equality and humanity" and "duty to obey [the country's] laws", ideas alien to the framers of our Constitution and diametrically opposed to liberty. Though the phrases are noble-sounding what do they mean?

In the context of the virulent anti-German sentiment of the time "democracy" meant that the press and the majority were justified in vilifying their fellow citizens of German origin. "Equality and humanity" were nods toward the egalitarian French and the suffering Belgians whom we were rushing off to save. (The press was full of untrue stories about the inhumane "Hun" skewering Belgian babies on their bayonets.) "Duty to obey the laws" of course was a reference to the conscription statutes which impressed men into government service, in violation of the 13th Amendment's prohibition against involuntary servitude.

We therefore believe "The American Creed" to be un-American. If our readers will indulge us we submit the following poem written in the same era as the Creed--but never accepted by Congress--as an antidote to pseudo-Americanism.

I Sing of Olaf

by e.e. cummings

i sing of Olaf glad and big
whose warmest heart recoiled at war:
a conscientious ob-jector

his well-beloved colonel (trig
westpointer most succinctly bred)
took erring Olaf soon in hand;
but--though an host of overjoyed
noncoms (first knocking on the head
him) do through icy waters roll
that helplessness which others stroke
with brushes recently employed
anent this muddy toiletbowl,
while kindred intellects evoke
allegiance per blunt instruments--
Olaf (being to all intents
a corpse and wanting any rag
upon what God unto him gave)
responds, without getting annoyed
"I will not kiss your f-ing flag"

straightway the silver bird looked grave
(departing hurriedly to shave)

but--though all kinds of officers
(a yearning nation's blueeyed pride)
their passive prey did kick and curse
until for wear their clarion
voices and boots were much the worse,
and egged the firstclassprivates on
his rectum wickedly to tease
by means of skilfully applied
bayonets roasted hot with heat--
Olaf (upon what were once knees)
does almost ceaselessly repeat
"there is some s. I will not eat"

our president being of which
assertions duly notified
threw the yellowsonofabitch
into a dungeon, where he died

Christ (of his mercy infinite)
i pray to see; and Olaf too

preponderatingly because
unless statistics lie he was
more brave than me: more blond than you.

AMERICAN FREEDOM NETWORK BURNED TO THE GROUND

November 30, 1997, Johnstown, Colorado.

"We are in a state of shock at the moment. The Flagship Station of the American Freedom (satellite communication) Network has burned down. The fire broke out Saturday evening, after the recorded shows began. No one was apparently hurt. The building, however, including the studio and Internet broadcaster, have been destroyed," said Don Wiedeman, owner of AFN.

Late word has it that a hot plate left unattended caused the fire.

GUN GRAB IN MASSACHUSETTS

S.1985 is in the Massachusetts Senate and if passed would ban almost all privately owned semi-automatic firearms manufactured after 1899. Freedom lovers are urged to call Speaker Thomas Finneran, who opposes the bill, at (617) 722-2500.

This bill would also ban laser sights, large capacity magazines and affect the inheritance of certain firearms.

"GOOD BYE TO ARMS"

That's the title of a leaflet being passed out in Brazil urging citizens to surrender their firearms or face two years in prison.

Brazil has 7 million registered firearms and is second in the world in handgun purchases: 180,000 in 1996. The U.S. is number one.

NJM SPOKESMEN LEAVES FOR TEXAS

I would like to say that it has been a real pleasure working along with you and the other fine people in our endeavor to recapture that spirit of freedom. What has been started here in New Jersey must not subside, but advance. It is imperative that the newsletter continues, for it has been, in my way of thinking, the one major plus thus far. It has a great impact not only with the patriots but also amongst those in "law enforcement." You have done an outstanding job, please continue.

As for me, this departure is not one of relinquishing my obligation towards the spirit of liberty, but as I see it, I'm transferring to a new duty station. I will without delay upon my arrival in Texas commence once again in the task of the same.

Without question, I will correspond with you and many others. I shall keep you informed of the movement in Texas, and in general any important information.

In the cause of freedom,
Earl. G. Dickey

Editor's note: Earl Dickey is a no-compromising, no-nonsense person when it comes to liberty, individual freedoms and religious convictions--as anyone involved with the New Jersey Militia will attest. Earl played an important role in helping the New Jersey Militia get its start. All of us at NJM wish him and his family all the best in his move to Texas. He will be missed.

MEDICAL ALERT: EATING CANDY BARS MAY BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH

When 17 year-old Andre Burgess was walking down the street in Brooklyn eating a Three Musketeer candy bar U.S. Deputy Marshal William Cannon mistook the candy bar for a gun--so he shot him.

"It's sick, you can't even walk down the street eating a candy bar anymore," said Burgess from his Jamaica hospital room with a leg wound. ***"He didn't give me a chance to react. I turned to see what was up, and boom, I'm hit and fell to the ground. I'm laying there bleeding, waiting to go to the hospital, and he's shaking hands with the other cops, or agents, whatever they were,"*** said Burgess.

The *AP* reported that Cannon was hunting for a fugitive involved in a 1982 shooting of a customs agent. It's doubtful that 17 year old Burgess could be a suspect in a 1982 shooting--he was only two years old at the time.

Marshal Cannon has been put on leave with pay after the shooting. No comment from the U.S. Marshal Service.

HARDBALL

Opening And Closing Arguments For Pro-Se Criminal Defendants

The above is the title of a new book by Harvey Wysong, former national spokesmen for the Fully Informed Jury Association and now Executive Director of the Judicial Reform Institute.

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DIVINE INTERVENTION

"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." Hosea 8:7

President Clinton may have *"sown the wind"* when he swore under oath that he never borrowed any money from the McDougals' Madison Guaranty S&L. It may be that Clinton has reaped a *"whirlwind"* in the form of a tornado.

"In a bizarre Whitewater discovery, a repair shop owner opened the trunk of a tornado-damaged car and found a cashier's check for more than $20,000 payable to Bill Clinton from his former partner's saving and loan, grand jury witnesses say.

"The discovery this spring of the 1982 check and thousands of other documents missing for a decade has opened a new line of inquiry by prosecutors into whether Clinton testified accurately about his relationship with James and Susan McDougal and their

failed Arkansas S&L," reported the Associated Press.

"U.S. SHOULD PAY MEXICO FOR DRUG DAMAGE"

"The United States should pay Mexico compensation for the damage that drug trafficking has done instead of standing in judgment on the country's anti-narcotics performance." So declared Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo at a press conference Oct. 22, 1997, *Reuters* reported.

Mexico, and other Latin American countries, blame America for *their* drug problem. ***"They want to certify us. They should reimburse us for the mess they have left us,"*** Zedillo said.

Rather than comment on this story, we'll let Rep. James Traficant (D-Ohio) do it for us:

TRAFICANT SPEAKS

"Zedillo blames the drug problem on America and wants America to compensate Mexico for all the garbage we're causing--unbelievable!

"Our borders are wide open--our kids are strung out--our prisons are over loaded and Mexico wants to get paid for it. Beam me up! If this is a war on drugs, I'm a fashion leader. What's next, Mr. Speaker, foreign aid for Saddam Hussein? Do we have any brains left? I say we should investigate the Mexican government, not compensate them."

--J. Traficant, Nov. 13, 1997

Police Armed with Bayonets

by David L. Haase, *The Indianapolis Star*

When is a bayonet not a bayonet?

When it's in the hand of Indiana law enforcement agencies.

Then it's a machete for hacking down pot plants. Or a wire cutter to nip through barbed wire. Or a Swiss Army knife to saw a tree or dig a hole. Or a bargaining chip in a big swap meet.

But, law enforcement officials here say, you won't find bayonets on the end of any weapon that they carry.

Bayonets in the hands of local police became a touchy issue recently when the Los Angeles Police Department--already suffering from image problems--felt compelled to give back 42 bayonets it got in a massive federal program to share surplus military equipment with crime-fighting agencies throughout the country.

The Associated Press reported that police in 23 states received 6,400 bayonets from the Defense Logistics Agency from Oct. 1, 1996 to Sept. 30, 1997.

Five hundred seventy-one ended up in Indiana, according to a DLA inventory requested by *The Indianapolis Star* and *The Indianapolis News*. Indiana's Department of Natural Resources got 200 of the weapons.

The only central Indiana agency to take some of the bayonets is the Marion County Sheriff's Dept.

Lt. Tim Horty, a spokesman for the Indianapolis Police Dept., said that force opted against taking the free bayonets. "I can't think of a legitimate reason to get those," he said.

"I know bayonets sound bad," says Dep. Chief Joseph McAtee of the Marion County Sheriff's Dept. "They're basically just knives that stick on the end of a rifle."

McAtee said the department doesn't have the appropriate rifles and would oppose outfitting guns with bayonets for civilian law enforcement. "We would never do anything like that," he said. "What they use them for are knives." McAtee said he does not think the Sheriff's Dept. has any of the bayonets left. He said the department has traded most of the weapons for other surplus equipment--such as night vision gear.

The Sheriff's Department got the bayonets and literally tons of other surplus military items under a program Congress authorized in 1990 to give away equipment for use in counter-drug activities. Last year the program was expanded to include any law enforcement purpose. More than 11,000 police agencies nationwide get the equipment free, paying only transportation or shipping costs.

"Everyone takes as much as they can get 'cause it's free from the military," McAtee said.

The Sheriff's Department has gotten two armored personnel carriers, two bomb suits worth $10,000 apiece, night vision goggles, long underwear and even rubber gloves to use in jail. McAtee said the department has also picked up a couple of grenade launchers that would have cost taxpayers $300 each if purchased new.

Sensitive to how the public might view the department's ownership of grenade launchers, McAtee had instructions for the crew that ordered them: Buy the launchers but not the grenades.

The Dept. of Natural Resources put a bayonet in the trunk of every conservation officer's vehicle, said spokesman Stephen Sellers. "They're just excellent cutting tools," he said. Excellent for, say, marijuana plants.

The Lake County Drug Task Force issues the bayonets to task force members who also serve on the County Sheriff's SWAT team. They use them as cutting tools, not weapons, said Robert Imborek, an intelligence analyst for the task force. "They are not displayed on the end of a rifle. Absolutely not," he said. "They're not used as a weapon whatsoever. They're used as a tool."

N. J. Militia Writes Sheriff

Sheriff Armando Fontoura
Essex County Courts Building
Newark , NJ 07102 October 14, 1997

Dear Sheriff Fontoura,

We are contacting you, the only elected peace officer in Essex County, to seek your help in keeping military equipment, armored vehicles in particular, out of the hands of police in your jurisdiction. As you know the U.S. Department of Defense has brazenly and unconstitutionally offered the city of Newark a military tank like the ones used at Waco, Texas, where more than eighty innocent people perished at the hands of federal police. In a brutal paramilitary attack the FBI used armored vehicles to punch holes in the Branch Davidians' church and living quarters. They struck before daylight while the unfortunates' kerosene lanterns were still lit (all utilities having been cut off), and pumped in CS gas (banned by the Geneva Convention) which, when ignited by the open flame of the lanterns, created a fireball of cyanide gas. The entire chilling and grisly episode is recounted in *Waco: The Rules of Engagement*, which is based on government video and forward looking infrared (FLIR) footage obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. The point is that there would undoubtedly have been a peaceful resolution to the standoff had the sheriff of McLellan County not been brushed aside by police who had access to military hardware and training.--This is not to say that the sheriff should have access either.

Waco was a black day for America. We hope you agree that we do not want a recurrence anywhere in New Jersey. For the record we do not suggest that the Newark police would ever engage in such an operation, but we never believed that the FBI would either. The militarization of the police must cease.

As you know the framers established a system in which the sheriff--elected by and accountable to the people--is to maintain order in the county. That is still his responsibility. If things get out of hand he has the authority to call on the citizenry to assist him. The citizenry, of course, are residents of the county. They can bring a sense of justice and moderation to keeping the peace. In case of rebellion or insurrection the governor has the authority to call out the militia, as does the President.

This matter is far too important to let sit in a file drawer. Therefore a delegation from the New Jersey Militia respectfully seeks to meet with you. Please contact Bob Figueroa at your earliest convenience. He can be reached by phone (609) 695-2733 or fax (609) 695-0790.

Very truly yours,

For the New Jersey Militia

cc: Mayor of Newark, Newark City Council, Essex Co. Freeholders, Sheriffs' Association of New Jersey, Editor, Newark *Star-Ledger*, New Jersey Congressional Delegation

Note: Sheriff Fontoura has written us the issue is moot since the Newark City Council decided not to accept the tank. (His department

has one.) We plan to meet with him--and all 21 sheriffs--on this and other issues.

"Militias" Blamed for Opposition to National ID Plan

"Militias" and their supporters, by refusing to get driver's licenses, are creating substantial problems for state departments of motor vehicles, according to DMV spokesmen. The "militia" phenomenon will be the focus of the "Driver Licensing and Control/Financial Responsibility Fall Workshop" of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA).

The Association's web page states that the AAMVA "represents the interests of U.S. and Canadian motor vehicle agency administrators and law enforcement officials in the pursuit of safer North American roadways and quality driver and vehicle administration."

Workshop coordinator Sheila Prior said the AAMVA found it necessary to address the militia issue because increasing numbers of militia supporters are refusing to comply with the driver's license requirements.

Missouri Attorney General David Hansen will advise officials concerning the "Militia Licensing" issue, which received top billing. Commander Kerry Kirkpatrick of Iowa will speak on "Defusing Threats of Violence". Other topics include the federal driver's licenses and identifiation card standardization requirement imposed by the Immigration Reform Act of 1996 (PL 104-208). (Beginning Jan. 1, 2000, U.S. government agencies will not accept any state-issued ID unless it contains the person's Social Security Number and a hologram or other approved security system.) The regulations, being drafted by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation and AAMVA will require that the States obtain the SSN from all licensees and that it be incorporated into the license in "machine readable" format. [Ed.: Will "refuseniks" be stigmatized as "militia members" by AAMVA bureaucrats?]

Another topic is "Electronic Verification of Driver's Licenses". The president of the National Association of Convenience Stores will speak on "Using Current Technology--Symbol Technology". One David Boylard will present "Facial Recognition Systems", a technology adopted by West Virginia DMV officials this year.

Note: the Supreme Court this year ruled in *Printz v. US* that ***"The petitioners here object to being pressed into federal service, and contend that congressional action compelling state officers to execute federal laws*** [such as the Brady Act and Immigration Act] ***is unconstitutional...We adhere to that principle today, and conclude categorically, as we concluded in New York v. U.S. (505 US 144, 1992): 'The Federal Government may not compel the States to enact or administer a federal regulatory program (i.d., 188).' We held in New York that Congress cannot compel the States to enact or enforce a federal regulatory program. Today we hold that Congress cannot circumvent that prohibition by conscripting the State's officers directly. The Federal Government may neither issue directives requiring the States to address particular problems, nor command the States' officers, or those of their political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program. It matters not whether policy making is involved, and no case-by-case weighing of the burdens or benefits is necessary; such commands are fundamentally incompatible with our constitutional system of dual sovereignty. Accordingly, the judgment of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit is reversed." "It is so ordered [June 27, 1997]."***

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"AMERICA'S WAR MACHINE IS BROKEN"

That's the opinion of retired Army Col. David Hackworth in his article 'Defending America.' Here are a collection of quotes from various military personnel he interviewed:

*A Marine officer says: "Last year's M-16 rifle ammunition allowance was cut by 10 million rounds. Only trained marksman win battles."

*A paratrooper sergeant says: "Training funds in the 82nd Airborne Division have been slashed. There's not enough money to train or even to keep up our jump proficiency."

*A Navy chief petty officer says: "I have had so many pregnant sailors in my division that we can't even maintain 50 percent of manning level."

*An Air Force pilot says: "At the rate pilots are quitting, by next month my fighter squadron will be unable to fill fifty percent of our cockpits."

*An infantry leader says: "I honestly believe we will lose the next major conflict. Our soldiers are physically and mentally weak. We, as leaders, have to babysit instead of preparing men for combat."

*A senior Army leader says: "Budgets have plummeted during the past two years. Field commanders are between a rock and a hard place. There are simply not enough dollars to sustain the intensity and quality of training."

*A warrior-leader says: "No Administration has ever been so quick to throw our sons and daughters into harm's way in situations which don't threaten our national interest or the security of our nation. Perhaps, if their sons and daughters ever served or were serving, they might take a different approach."

When Michael Reagan asked Hackworth what he would do if he were Secretary of Defense, he replied, "I'd fire 90 percent of the top brass and reach down to the Pattons, Pullers, Doolittles and Burkes and put them in charge."

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